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Memorandum

To: Secretary

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Subject: Associated Press/NBC Poll

Recently the Associated Press released the results of a public opinion poll conducted among 1599 people on May 18th and 19th. The results of that poll were widely publicized particularly regarding the public's reaction to the ANACS sale and the President's social security proposals. In addition, the poll revealed that the Republicans were ahead in the House of Representatives preference by a margin of 43% to 35%.

Unreported in the releases, but also contained in that poll were some issues of concern to you.

Regarding mineral development in the wilderness:

Should leave the lands as they are.	29%
Should develop the oil, gas, coal and other minerals.	47%
Not sure	14%

Regarding OCS Leasing:

Should America open new areas off the coast for oil drilling?

Yes	70%
No	19%
Not sure	11%

Regarding federal land management:

Should the federal government open up more of the land it owns in the West for mining and oil drilling?

Open more land.	44%
Cut back.	13%
No change.	29%
Not sure.	14%

The poll also asked about political leaders.

President Reagan

Approve	62%
Disapprove	33%

Senator Baker

Approve	35%
Disapprove	15%
Unsure	3%
Don't Know Him	47%

Speaker Thomas O'Neill

Approve	29%
Disapprove	24%
Unsure	3%
Don't Know Him	44%

Secretary Caspar Weinberg

Approve	14%
Disapprove	11%
Unsure	3%
Don't Know Him	72%

Secretary Watt

Approve	6%
Excellent	1%
Good	5%
Disapprove	10%
Fair	5%
Poor	5%
Don't Know Him	80%

After nearly six months of massive attention in the media, most Americans are unfamiliar with you. Better yet, apparently the majority of the American people support the goals of your Department.